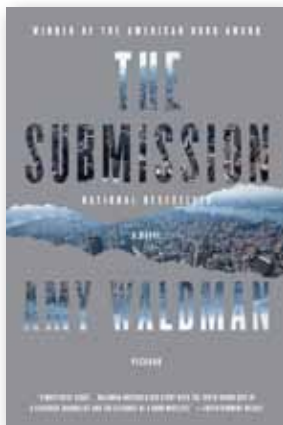




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reading together

March and April 2013

What if the entire community read and discussed the same book at the same time? To find out, join thousands of people throughout Kalamazoo County in reading Amy Waldman's *The Submission*, selected for Reading Together 2013.

In Waldman's provocative first novel, a jury gathers in Manhattan to choose a memorial for the victims of a devastating Islamic terrorist attack. After tense deliberations, they select the Garden, then

discover that the architect who created the winning design is an American Muslim. The revelation sparks a firestorm in New York and across the country.

In her *New York Times* review, Michiko Kakutani wrote, "...gives the reader a visceral understanding of how New York City and the country at large reacted to 9/11, and how that terrible day affected some Americans' attitudes toward Muslims and immigrants."

The Submission received multiple honors in 2011, including selection as *Esquire's* Book of the Year, a *New York Times* Notable Book, a *Washington Post* Notable Fiction Book, and as one of NPR's 10 Best Novels.

Amy Waldman was a reporter for *The New York Times* for eight years. She spent three years as co-chief of the South Asia bureau after covering Harlem, Brooklyn, the Bronx, and the aftermath of 9/11. Her fiction has appeared in *Boston Review* and *The Atlantic*.



Book discussions and a wide variety of special events will take place in March and April. Waldman will visit Kalamazoo on March 5, 2013, to launch Reading Together. readingtogether.us

meet Robert Sabuda

November 8, 7 pm, CEN



Sabuda's fascination with the world of movable books started in childhood, when he discovered *The Adventures of Super Pickle* in his dentist's waiting room. His paper engineered versions of classic tales, like *Alice in Wonderland*, have earned wide popular and critical acclaim. Books for sale and signing. kpl.gov/Sabuda

More free family fun, pages 6-7.



Teen Filmmaker Festival

CALL FOR ENTRIES!

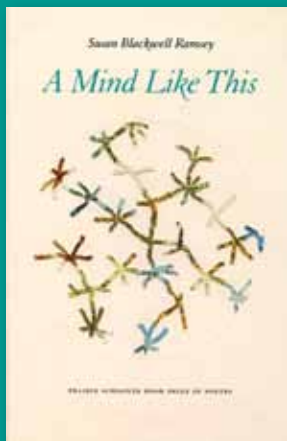
10th Annual Teen Filmmaker Fest

Teen movie makers – create a film to enter in the the best film festival for teens in Southwest Michigan! Juried films will be shown at the Festival at Rave Cityplace 14 on February 24, 2013. Expert judges will award prizes for the best films in a number of categories. Films due January 19, 2013.

Learn more at
kpl.gov/teenfilmfest

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Kalamazoo Decides She Likes Her Name

It's true
she used to cringe
when people laughed.

She'd wish she had
a normal name,
like Springfield,

but the way Glen Miller
savored her name
letter by letter
helped, it really did.

She started to feel special,
briefly drew those O's
as double hearts,
then razor-trimmed it
to an edgy "'Zoo."

Kalamazoo.
She says it slowly,
rolls it on her tongue,

over the pebbles
in feeder creeks,
the *a*'s flat
as Midwestern prairies,

the *z* buzzing
in wild lupines,
that single *l*

bobbing back and forth
between the *a*'s,
meadowlark on a grass stem,

the final *oo* waist deep
in that long grass,
glad at having tricked
your lips into a kiss.

– Susan Ramsey, *A Mind Like This*
University of Nebraska Press

events

books

Friends of Poetry

November 5, 7 pm, CEN

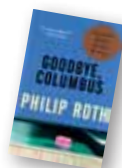
Susan Blackwell Ramsey will read from her prizewinning collection of poems *A Mind Like This*, a work of humor and wit, unexpectedly delightful and full of surprises as it reflects on the oddness of everyday life. Gail Martin will read from her book *The Hourglass Heart*, published by New Issues Press.

Classics Revisited

November 15, 7 pm, CEN

December 20, 7 pm, CEN

Join lovers of classic literature to discuss Philip Roth's *Goodbye, Columbus* in November and Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* in December.
classicbookgroup.blogspot.com



Urban Fiction

November 20, 6 pm, POW

This popular street lit group will talk about the first two books in Ashley Antoinette's scandalously sexy *Prada Plan* series. Pick up copies of the novels at Powell. Refreshments.

eBooks at KPL

November 27, December 12, 6:30 pm, CEN

Hear what's new and what's on the horizon for KPL's digital collections—books that you download to a digital device, like a Kindle, iPad, or Nook. Get help and answers for your technical questions from KPL's expert staff.



history & genealogy

Archives of Michigan

November 26, 7 pm, CEN

Learn about genealogy resources available at the Archives. Archivist Kris Rzepczynski will explain how cutbacks have affected both the Library of Michigan and the Archives of Michigan genealogy collections.

michigan.gov/archivesofmi



music

Acoustic Slow Jam

November 7, December 5, 7 pm, CEN

Does your guitar, fiddle, or mandolin never leave home? Want to make music with others but think you can't keep up? If you can play basic chords, like G, C, D, or A, then you can join us for a slow jam. Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association (GLAMA), cosponsor.

Community Sing Along

November 14, 7 pm, CEN

As that old hymn tells us, "Singing makes the burden lighter. Singing drives the care away." Raise your voice alongside other acoustic music lovers with musicians Michael Beauchamp, Kathy Nichols and Patricia Pettinga. Song booklets provided. Just bring your vocal chords! All voices welcome.



Ken Morgan Jazz Unit

December 11, 6:30 pm, OSH

Enjoy a free evening of great live jazz with Ken Morgan, saxophones and flute, pianist Terry Lower, and bassist Jon Wegge. Ken has appeared with Louis Armstrong, Aretha Franklin, the Dave Brubeck Quartet, and many other well-known jazz artists.

Jamie-Sue Seal & John Latini

December 19, 7 pm, CEN

Enjoy a family concert of classic and original holiday and winter-themed songs. John and Jamie-Sue perform favorites like "What a Wonderful World" and "Baby It's Cold Outside!" plus music from their own seasonal albums, *Dear Santa* and *Winterlude*.



& more

Ask a Lawyer

November 8, December 13, 6-8 pm, CEN

November 9, 11:30 am-1 pm, CEN

Free legal clinics with Bar Association lawyers. For a free 20-minute appointment, call 553-7920. Only one appointment available every four months.

Veterans' Benefits

November 19, 2 pm, OSH

Information for veterans, families, and friends. The Senior Benefit Alliance and representatives from Veterans Affairs will discuss VA health benefits—eligibility, how to apply, how VA benefits work with Medicare and other insurance, and more.

Holiday Treats for Gift Giving

November 27, 6:30 pm, EAS

Cherri Emery from Cherri's Chocol'art will demonstrate some sweet and savory treats participants can make for the upcoming holiday season. Free taste testing!

Weatherization Workshop

December 4, 6:30 pm, POW

Learn how to use a protective system to stay warm and save money and energy. Community Homeworks workshop instructor Lee Taylor will cover caulking windows, installing pipe-wrap insulation basics, etc.

Grant Writing Basics

December 12, 9:30-11:30 am, CEN

December 12, 12:30-2:30 pm, CEN

Get a strong foothold to tackling that current grant proposal. ONEplace Associate Bailey Mead dissects the process and walks you through each step. Perfect for first-timers as well as those needing a refresher, Grant Writing Basics puts you on track toward a powerful proposal. Space is limited, so sign up online now! kpl.gov/ONEplace



Gift Book Sale

**Starts Friday, November 23,
10 am, CEN**

Shop the Friends Gift Book Sale for holiday gifts! All year, the Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library save hundreds of high quality books for this highly anticipated event. All are in mint condition; all will be sold at a fraction of the retail price. Sale continues while supplies last.

Friends members get first pick of the bargains at the members-only sale on Tuesday, November 20, before the sale opens to the public. So now's the time to join the Friends! Call 553-7820 or visit kpl.gov/friends.

Visit the Friends Bookstore Wednesdays, from 12-7 pm, and Thursdays through Saturdays, from 10 am-4 pm, on the lower level of the Central Library.



news

now read this

Looking for great reads? KPL can help you find books that match your unique reading interests! Fill out the simple form at kpl.gov/books/now-read-this. Tell us about books or authors you love, titles that you have enjoyed or hated, genres you read or those you avoid. The more you tell us, the better! Submit the form to receive a list of five titles within seven working days.

MeL at branches

Can't find something at KPL? you may be able to borrow it from one of 170+ libraries across the state via MeL, the Michigan Electronic Library. The MeL Catalog (MeLCat) includes most items held in participating libraries—millions of books, CDs, DVDs, manuscripts, and other materials. And now you can pick up your MeL item at any KPL location!

kpl.gov/melcat

National Novel Writing Month

NaNoWriMo—thirty days and nights of literary abandon! Let your imagination take over for this fun, seat-of-your-pants writing event for all ages.

Challenge yourself to complete an entire novel in just 30 days. Begin writing November 1, and finish by midnight, November 30.

Track your progress, get pep talks and support, and meet fellow writers online. Sign up, learn more at nanowrimo.org.

The Office of Letters and Light runs NaNoWriMo with donations from sponsors like Scribophile, the online writing group where writers share serious feedback.

new genealogy resources

FamilySearch recently designated Kalamazoo Public Library as an affiliate library. That means KPL patrons will now have greater and more convenient access to the wealth of genealogical resources available through FamilySearch.

FamilySearch has compiled billions of birth, marriage, death, census, land, and court records from more than 130 countries. Microfilm of these historic records may be ordered through KPL for a fee of \$7.50 per reel. KPL will hold microfilm orders for three months, allowing patrons to conveniently review films.

To request microfilm, first create an account at familysearch.org then sign in. Review the Help and Learn pages—you'll find helpful step-by-step videos that describe

FamilySearch and provide new genealogists tools to get started as well as more advanced tutorials for the experienced researcher.

When you've found microfilm you want, order at familysearch.org/films using a credit card, debit card or PayPal account. The first time you order after signing up, you'll be prompted to select your default family history center—select Kalamazoo Public Library. Any orders you place with FamilySearch will be delivered and held for you at KPL. An email will be sent to you when the microfilm has arrived.

To learn more, contact the Local History Room, 553-7808, or print the FamilySearch Online Film Ordering Users Guide at kpl.gov/local-history/family-search.




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tween/teen

Art Attack: Wreaths

December 6, 4:30 pm, OSH

Funky or festive, create a wreath that is just your style. We supply materials, you supply creativity. Take your wreath home or make one as a gift! Gr 5-12.

Ornament Making

December 19, 4 pm, POW

Turn ordinary objects into extraordinary ornaments. Supplies provided for several different designs. Bring your imagination and create some tree bling! Gr 5-12.

Cartooning with Kenji

December 20, 4 pm, EAS

Learn tips and techniques from comics master Kenji Jumanne-Marshall. No experience required. Gr 5-12.

Gamers' Arena

December 22, 2 pm, CEN

From the newest favorites to old classics, it's an afternoon of strategy, skill and fun. Choose from one of our many board, card or video games, or bring your own! Gr 5-12.

Michael Jackson Experience

December 27, 2 pm, EAS

Practice and compete against other MJ for Wii fans. Keep track of your personal record and win cool prizes. Snacks! Gr 5-12.

Belt DIY

December 26, 2 pm, WSO

Make your own colorful belt. Choose duct tape or ribbon for a one of a kind look. We supply materials and samples for inspiration. You add your style and creativity! Gr 5-12.

Duct Tape DIY

December 28, 2 pm, CEN

Choose from a rainbow of colors and prints to make your creative energy soar! Samples, instructions and supplies provided. Gr 5-12.

International Games Day @ your library

November 3, 12 pm, CEN

Celebrate the 5th annual Games Day with hours of game fun. Compete in tournaments against players from around the world! Select from all KPL game systems as well as a huge selection of board and card games. Snacks and prizes. Gr 7-12.

November 3, 12 pm, OSH

Board games available all afternoon!

Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.)

November 5, December 3, 3:30 pm, CEN

Plan programs and service projects, discuss books, movies, music, and web sites, eat snacks, play games, and have fun! Gr 7-12.

Washi Tape

November 14, 4 pm, POW

November 15, 4 pm, EAS

Create simple crafts using reusable, biodegradable and tree-free Washi tape. Gr 5-12.

J-Pop Club

November 19, December 17, 3:30 pm, CEN

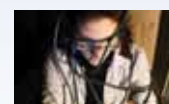
Enjoy Japanese Anime, manga, Pocky and food. Drop in any time. Gr 7-12.



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TEEN Filmmaker Festival

FILMS DUE JANUARY 19, 2013





First Saturday @ KPL

November 3, December 1
2-4 pm, CEN

Take your family to the library the first Saturday of every month! Enjoy stories, activities, guests, and door prizes!

Kalamazoo Public Library and Kalamazoo Public Schools offer First Saturday with the support of partner organizations that serve children and families. November's sponsor is Communities in Schools, December is KC Ready 4s. kpl.gov/first-saturday



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kids

LEGO at the Library

November 3, December 1, 10:30 am, OSH
November 6, December 11, 6:30 pm, WSQ
November 17, December 15, 10:30 am, CEN
Build, create, race, inspire, and imagine with other Lego fans. Bricks provided, from Duplo to expert builder. All ages welcome.

Toddler Talk

November 7, 14, 21, 28, 10 am, OSH
December 5, 12, 19, 26, 10 am, OSH
Toddlers play while adults share the joys and challenges of the parenting 1-3 year olds. Connie Koning, RN, facilitator.

Baby Talk

November 7, 14, 21, 28, 1:30 pm, OSH
December 5, 12, 19, 26, 1:30 pm, OSH
Talk about care of babies up to one year with other parents. Connie Koning, RN, facilitator.

Read with Bailey

November 7, 14, 21, 28, 4 pm, WSQ
Enjoy a "pawsitive" reading experience. Read to Bailey the loveable Schnoodle (Schnauzer/Poodle mix). Registration required, call 553-7970.



Your Turn to Vote!

November 12-16, open hours, CEN
Celebrate National Picture Book Month! Drop in, vote for your favorite picture book, make a craft, and select some books to check out.

Thanksgiving Crafts

November 19-21, open hours, EAS & POW
Colorful leaves cover the yard, pumpkin pie scents the air. Make seasonal crafts to take home and decorate your home.



Meet Patricia Polacco

November 20, 6 pm, CEN

Author/illustrator Polacco comes from a long line of storytellers. She'll share her newest books, *Bully*, *The Art of Miss Chew*, and *Bun Bun Button*. Books for sale and signing at event.

Movie and Popcorn

November 23, 2 pm, POW

Have fun at the library this vacation day. Watch Disney's *Brave*, enjoy yummy popcorn.

Bookworms

November 29, 4:30 pm, CEN

Talk about the book *Dragonbreath*, meet the author Ursula Vernon by Skype, make crafts, and enjoy snacks. Pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk. For kids in grades 1-3 and their adults.

Tablet Tales

November 29, 6 pm, CEN

Stories, songs, fun via iPad and print. Kids will love exploring this new format; parents can play with some great apps for kids! Ages 2-5.

Toddler Drive-In Movie

December 3, 10 am, CEN

Decorate a cardboard box car then enjoy a short film and snack. Ages 2-5.





Reindeer Reign

December 8, 10 am, OSH

Meet some of Carol Burton's reindeer friends.
Make reindeer treats and crafts.

Life Sized Candyland

December 15, 2-4 pm, CEN

Play our life-sized Candyland game—you can be one of the pieces! Meet game characters, enjoy a treat, win a little prize as you play.

Gingerbread House Making

December 17, 4:30-6 pm, POW

Create a masterpiece with graham crackers, frosting, and candies. Ages 7-12.

Holiday Crafts for Kids

December 18, 6:30 pm, EAS

Snowflakes, candy canes, presents, ornaments – create some seasonal decorations. Ages 5-12

Kwanzaa Celebration

December 27, 5 pm, POW

Learn how African American families observe this weeklong holiday with storytelling, songs, dances, lighting candles, special foods and decorations, and family gatherings.

® Yummy New Year's Hats

December 27, 2 pm, OSH

Decorate an edible New Year's Hat. Save for January 1 or eat as soon as you're done! Call 553-7981 to register for this family event.

storytimes

Librarians consider developmental stages when planning stories, songs, fingerplays, and crafts. Adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers. Siblings may attend as guests.

Baby Storytime

Mondays, 5 pm, CEN

November 5, 12, 19, 26

December 3, 10, 17, 31

Stories, songs, and crafts for 0-24 months.

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays, 10 am, CEN

November 6, 13, 20, 27

December 4, 11, 18

Stories, songs, simple crafts for 2-3 ½ year olds.

Musical Storytime

November 12, 6:30 pm, CEN

Favorite singalong songs and special guests make storytime fun for the whole family.

Family Storytime

Stories and activities designed for children from birth to age five. Librarians select the best books for the group that attends.

Thursdays, 10:30 am, EAS

November 1, 8, 15, 29

December 6, 13, 20, 27

Thursdays, 10:30 am, OSH

November 1, 8, 15, 29

December 6, 13, 20, 27

Fridays, 10:30 am, CEN

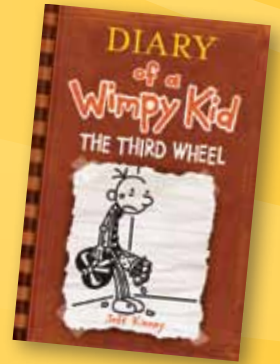
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

December 7, 14, 21, 28

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, POW

November 7, 14, 21, 28

December 5, 12, 19



Wimpy Kid Party!

November 13, 6:30 pm, OSH

Celebrate the release of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel*. Make a duct tape rose, eat snacks, play games. Listen to the beginning of the new book. Fun for fans of all ages. Books for sale from Bookbug during the event.



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director's note

my 2012 favorites



As I write this in late October, I am reluctant to declare my favorite books for 2012. There are still several weeks left in the year and the next book I read might be one of my favorites!

My reading was a bit different this year – I received an ereader for Christmas. About a third of my reading since then has been ebooks, all downloaded from OverDrive through our website. At first I was very deliberate about whether to read the print or ebook version of a particular title. Now it makes no difference – either format works for me.

As I review my list of books read this year, nonfiction stands out, much to my surprise. Favorites include *Steve Jobs*, *Destiny of the Republic*, *Catherine the Great*, and *The President's Club*.

In fiction, at or very near the top of my list is Nick Dybek's *When Captain Flint Was Still a Good Man*. I liked it even more after hearing Nick speak at Oshtemo Branch Library this summer. Other fiction favorite include *Snow Child*, *Please Look After Mom*, *Lower River*, and an older title, *Evidence of Things Unseen*.

Sharing our favorites with you is one way we support KPL's strategic plan priority of "reading, viewing, and listening for pleasure." You can find KPL staff favorites at kpl.gov/best. We'd love to hear your favorites, too. Send your best reads of 2012 to readers@kpl.gov or post them to our Facebook page, facebook.com/KalamazooPublicLibrary.

As the year winds down, I hope it has been as good a reading year for you as it has been for me. I'll never run out of good books to borrow from the library!

Best wishes for the new year.

Ann Rohrbach



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553-7810

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553-7980

Alma Powell – POW

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